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H. Edward Phillips, Esquire Sprint 14111 Capital Boulevard Wake Forest, North Carolina 27587-5900

In Re: Docket No. 2001-332-C: Approval of a Master Interconnection Agreement between United Telephone Company of the Carolinas and Progress Telecom Corporation.

Dear Mr. Phillips:

The above referenced Master Interconnection Agreement between United Telephone Company of the Carolinas and Progress Telecom Corporation was presented to the Commission for consideration during its Regular Business Session on August 6, 2002.

After consideration, the Commission approved this Agreement since it is consistent with the standards of Section 252 (a) (1) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and since it is not discriminatory and is consistent with the public interest in that it promotes competition.

Consistent with previous Commission Orders, the Commission finds that the terms of this Agreement are not to be considered as a precedential standard for other agreements, nor are they binding on any other communications carrier.

Sincerely yours,

David S. Lacoste Utilities Department